

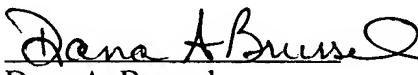
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Applicant hereby elects the embodiment of Figures 11 and 11A for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-13, 20-42, 48-52, 56-63, 66-94, and 97-101 read on the elected embodiment. It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 20, 27, 38, 59, and 78 are generic to all claimed species. Upon allowance of a generic claim Applicant hereby reserves the right to the consideration of claims to the additional embodiments which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141. Applicant further reserves the right to file continuation applications and/or divisional applications on any non-elected species.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (631) 501-5713.

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